

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

## **Career Development Month**

WHEREAS, preparation for a purposeful career path includes reflecting on individuals' interests, skills, values, and personalities, along with exploring suitable career options that best utilize the unique gifts each person offers his or her community; and

WHEREAS, career development is a lifelong process that requires learning new information about oneself, gaining new skills, and understanding how to advocate for oneself through marketing those skills; and

WHEREAS, career related programming in schools provides young people with a realistic understanding of the value of formal education as it relates to having access to career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, career development activities in our communities contribute to lower unemployment by matching individuals with employers seeking quality candidates; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee,** Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim November, 2011 as Career Development Month in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State